

Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the 2014 Children & Youth Day Heroes

WHEREAS, Children and Youth Month was established in 1997 by the Hawai'i State Legislature in order to recognize the contributions of our local children and youth to our communities throughout the month of October, and to celebrate the potential inherent in each *keiki o ka 'aina*; and

WHEREAS, Producer and Co-Chair Johnny Kai has enlisted the support of important leaders for the inaugural 2014 Children & Youth Day Heroes ceremony, but the event received its integral support from the generous contributions of Dr. Angela Pratt, whose philanthropy ensured the recognition of these deserving students

WHEREAS, Johnny Kai and Co-Chairs Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland and Dr. Lawrence Tseu have rallied widespread community support behind the inaugural 2014 Children & Youth Day Heroes event, held on October 11 at Dole Cannery's Pomaika'i Ballrooms and hosted by Augie T, where honored guests and officials will join other community members to honor the dedication and heroism of Hawai'i youth with acclaimed entertainment, delightful cuisine, and awards designed by artist Wyland; and

WHEREAS, more than 40 nominees were submitted by youth groups, respected local leaders and the public, including:


- Hawai'i County Mayor Billy Kenoi's nominees **Grant Nair**, a valued volunteer with Habit for Humanity; **Hilo High School's Key Club**, whose members have contributed thousands of hours to improving their community; and **Life Plan's** members at Kealahou and Parker High Schools, who have contributed to Habitat for Humanity, Meth Project's "Not Even Once," and efforts to feed the homeless; and
- Maui County Mayor Alan M. Arakawa's nominee **Eileen Parkman**, who acted courageously and instinctively to stop the bullying of one of her peers; and
- Kaua'i County Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr.'s nominee **Rendle Mones**, a young leader with the Boys & Girls Club of Kauai;
- Senator Donovan Dela Cruz's nominee, Miss Jr. TEEN Hawai'i **Mahealani Simms-Tulba**, who published a storybook entitled "It's OK to be Different" and established the nonprofit foundation B.R.A.V.E. to support her mission of helping young people cope with bullying;
- The Hawai'i Heart Foundation's nominee **Brycen Go**, who at age 11 is an accomplished instructor who has taught thousands of residents the life-saving skill of CPR and spoken before the Senate to support Automated External Defibrillators in schools;
- Principal Kaori Brown's nominees, **Huakailani School for Girls'** "Plant Your Butts Here" campaign, which has placed "planters" to help dispose of cigarette butts and prevent them from being littered and polluting the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 11-18, 2014, as

"CHILDREN & YOUTH DAY HEROES WEEK"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the bravery, leadership and ingenuity of these young heroes, and the example they provide to their peers and our entire community of how we can improve life in the islands.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this ninth day of October, 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i